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#### **REMARKS**

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

#### **Status of Claims**

Claims 1-47 are pending in the application.

Claim 47 has been allowed.

Claims 10, 11, 25, 26, 40 and 41 have been objected to.

Claims 1-9, 12-24, 27-39 and 42-46 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 16, 17, 31 and 32 have been amended in this submission.

Claims 11, 26, 41, and 46 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

New claims 48-56 have been added in order to further define what the Applicants consider to be the invention. Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 10, 11, 25, 26, 40 and 41 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have instead amended independent claims 1, 16 and 31 to incorporate the limitations of allowable dependent claims 11, 26 and 41, respectively.

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## CLAIM REJECTIONS

### 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

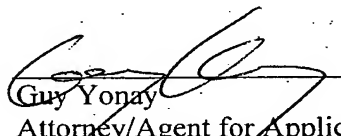
In the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 12-24, 27-39 and 42-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Walton et al. (US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0112880). In light of the above amendments, the Examiner's rejection is overcome.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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Applicant(s) further reserve(s) the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each and every document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application and is evidence that the Examiner has considered the document.

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